Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Fall 2016 Regional Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

1. Welcome from TA and VA Staff
2. Participant Introductions
3. Housekeeping
4. Agenda for the Day

Direct Service	**Program Managers**
Rapid Re-housing Basics Homelessness Prevention Basics	Sustainable Community Planning Homelessness Prevention Management

Some Highlights from the Year

- Publication of the Federal Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Homelessness Among Veterans
- Grant & Per Diem guidance related to “bridge” and other alternative models and SSVF/GPD collaboration
- Publication of NAEH RRH Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards
- Refined SSVF Homelessness Prevention Screening Tool, including targeting criteria

Some (more) Highlights from the Year

- Additional SSVF CARF/COA Accredited Agencies
- Integration and collaborative among SSVF, VA, CoC partners and other stakeholders at historic levels
- SSVF, Vets@Home, Z16, 25 Cities targeted TA support and training opportunities
- Publication of Vets@Home Toolkits, ML Template, re-launch of SSVF University, NAEH RRH Toolkits and more!

Celebrate! (a little)

- National PIT data shows nearly 50% reduction since 2010 – and the rate of reductions is only increasing!
- 27 Cities and 2 States have been confirmed as effectively ending homelessness per the Mayors Challenge
- In FY15, SSVF helped for over 69,000 homeless Veterans with RRH!!!
- The percentages of Veterans receiving rapid re-housing increased from 60% in FY14 to 69% in FY15, reflecting the program's decision to concentrate its resources more on helping literally homeless Veterans.
- Since SSVF's inception, 165,590 Veterans have exited SSVF, with 129,969 (78%) of them having successfully exited to PH destinations. 43% of those happened in FY15

Celebrate! (a little more)

- 77% of communities report having a Master List of all Veterans experiencing homelessness

- 56% of communities are actively working toward achieving the Federal Criteria/Benchmarks and/or Z16 Metrics

- Local communities involved in showing ongoing, persistent progress toward meeting Federal Goals (based on SSVF Comm Plan Summaries, Vets@Home Data, Z16 data)

- VA Housing Programs continue to demonstrate value to the public and congressional leadership alike

More Work to Do

- The work will never be done: you must continually end homelessness among Veterans
- Despite progress, much work still to be done in every local community:
  - Set goals and begin planning in previously inactive or disengaged CoCs
  - Design, implement or scale strategies in CoCs that are engaged or actively pursuing goals
  - Ensure sustainability, including periodic review/assessment, and ongoing improvement in CoCs where goals met for specified timeframe
  - Continue to institutionalize systems and practices that support optimized system and milestone achievement
  - Realize areas for basic training and instruction focused on core principles and strategies for effective system planning

Expectations for SSVF

- Prioritize literally homeless Veterans over at-risk Veterans (even if CoC confirmed by Federal partners or Z16 or if you have a RRH waiver). No RRH Gaps or Turnaways!
- Active partners or leaders in local planning efforts to end homelessness among Veterans
- Full participation or leadership role in developing and pursuing community goals
- Active partner in system wide strategies such as Master List, Coordinated Entry, Strategic Housing and Program Planning (GPD, HUD-VASH, CoC, etc), Adoption of Housing First, Coordination of VA programs, and Community Planning and Data Analysis
- Advocate for relevant local priorities and commitment

Important: Future SSVF funding will be awarded in part on grantees' demonstrated involvement in local community planning efforts and support for evidence-based practices that effectively end homelessness for Veterans.

A Few Housekeeping Items

(Refer to August 18th webinar)

Program Extension- SSVF Program Office will provide a template letter to grantees who wish to request an extension based upon survey indicating your agency needed an extension.

- Letter is due to SSVF Program Office by **September 15, 2016.**
- Extension request is for 30 days only this year.

Grant Close Out Process- Grantees will receive a requirement in GIFTS outlining the close out process and requirements.

- Program extension of 30 days thru October 31, 2016.
- All year end reports due for grantees not on extension November 15th, 2016. (45 days)
- Grantees on an extension have 45 days from completion of extension date. i.e. No later than December 15, 2016 based on full 30 day extension.

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Final HHS subaccount Transfer -Process for getting end-of-year HHS subaccount transfers completed.

- Grantee sends email requesting transfer of subaccount funds to Regional Coordinator. Use template provided in the webinar (if you need it, ask your RC for it).
- Your RC will review. Once approved the SSVF Program Office will transfer as indicated on Transfer Template.
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Federal Financial Report- (FFR)- All agencies need to complete

- Grantees have 90 days after the end of the grant period to submit the annual FFR. VA utilizes the US Department of Health and Human Services Division of Payment Management Payment Management System to process all grant funds for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program.
- SSVF grantees submit such forms in the HHS Payment Management System.
- The SSVF Program Office reviews and certify the report submissions and, when necessary, return to grant recipients for clarification or corrections.

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Track Assignments